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SUBJECT: NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND

REF: HELSINKI 1113

- 1. BULGARIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND, IN PLACE OF ASEN DIMITROV NEYKOV, WILL BE STOYAN GEORGIEV ZHELENSKI, WHO HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
- 2. ZHELENSKI IS ABOUT 57 AND HAS SERVED IN EAST BERLIN (1951-54), HELSINKI, AND FRANKFURT (1968-72). HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS, AGED 20 AND 30. HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK GERMAN.
- 3. SOFIA OBSERVERS CONSIDER HIM OF ONLY AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE. FOR PAST YEAR HIS DEPARTMENT AT MFA HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY RUN BY HIS DEPUTY, NIKOLAI KOVACHEV. ZHELENSKI HAS THE APPEARANCE, BUT NOT THE MANNERS, OF COURTLY GENTLEMAN OF OLD SCHOOL. HE WILL ADD LITTLE IN HELSINKI. HERZ

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